RAM): (a) No, Sir. No Committee in Andhra Pradesh for the development of hill areas was constituted.

(b) Does not arise.

Facilities to the members from staff side of Joint Consultative Machinery

*399. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some benefits/facilities/immunities are available to the Cenral Government employees who are the members from staff side of Joint Consultative Machinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time since when each of these benefits/immunities / facilities came into vogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is enclosed

Statement

(a) *Duty period*:— The time spent in attending the JCM Committees including time of travel, is treated as duty (since 1966).

(b) The Staff Side members of the National Council (JCM) and Departmental Councils are also allowed atleast 2 days in advance of the meetings of these Councils for discussion among themselves (since August 1978). (Only one day in the case of Regional Councils, Since November, 1985).

(c) TA/DA including convenience hire, at the scheduled rates for JCM meetings (since the inception of the JCM Scheme in 1966-67).

(d) *CGHS Facilities*:— CGHS facilities wherever available are extended to members of the Departmental National Council (since December 1974).

Nursing Home facilities wherever available are given to Staff members of National Council (since January, 1976).

(e) *Telephone facilities*:— The members of the National Council are accorded priority for installation of telephone at their residence, on normal rental basis 'on-out of turn basis' without OYT deposit and without reference to Telephone Advisory committee (since January 1970).

(c) *Supply of copies of orders/circulars etc*:—Copies of all orders, cinculars etc. of general nature and of interest to employees are circulated among all staff members of the National Council.

(g) *Accommodation*:—A bungalow at 13-C, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi, has been given to the Staff Side for their secretariat of the National Council. They were also provided non-recurring grant for setting up of the secretariat at purchase of furniture etc., type writer, duplicating machine etc.

(h) Recurring annual grant in aid is given to the Staff Side secretariat of the National Council to meet part of recurring expenditure. Initially since 1972, this grant was to the extent of Rs. 26,000 which was increased to Rs. 29,000 during 1981-82. The telephone rental charges for the telephone provided at the Staff Side secretariat of the National Council as also the 20% water and electricity charges are reimbursable.

(i) *Training facilities*:—A decision was taken in November, 1970 that Staff Side members of the National Council may be deputed for management training courses within India Since 1976, members of Departmental Councils are also eligible.

(j) *Staff members appearing before the Board of Arbitration*:—The period

spent by government servant in appearing as witness before the Board of Arbitration is treated as duty with normal TA|DA. Since 1969, this facility was restricted to two persons which was extended to three in September, 1985.

Increased amounts for Andhra Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan

*400. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount to be given to Andhra Pradesh for their various programmes during the remaining part of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNNG AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) State Plan outlays are determined on year to year basis consistent with States' own resources and Central assistance admissible to them as per Modified Gadgil Formula. It is difficult at this stage to forecast any increase in sectoral allocations under various programmes over the current year's level pending finalisation of the State's Annual Plan for 1988-89 and 1989-90

Agitation launched by Vanniyar Sangam in Tamil Nadu for job reservation

@2734 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vinniyar Sangam of Tamil Nadu has launched an agitation in support of its demand for a guaranteed 20 per cent share of State Government jobs and two per cent at the Centre; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to furnish information in this regard which is awaited:

Standardisation of Geographical names

@@2735. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has been considering the problem of standardisation of geographical names for the purpose of international cooperation in cartography;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) and UNESCO have published 'Climatic Atlas of Asia I' in 1981 in which the international standard names in Roman Script are used including the names of Dilli, Mumbai, Kalikatta, Bengalura, etc.;

(c) whether Government would use these standard names as official names hereafter; and

(d) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The United Nations Groups of Experts on Geographical Names was

@Previously Unstarred Question 1658, transferred from the 24th November, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1675 transferred from the 24th November, 1987.